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SPINAL IMPLANT METHOD AND CUTTING TOOL PREPARATION ACCESSORY FOR MOUNTING THE IMPLANT))))	January 26, 2006

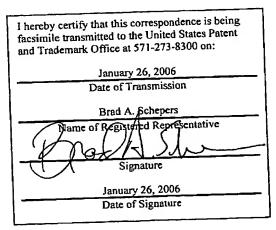
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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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Sir:

Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the subject application. A Request for Continued Examination submitted under 37 CFR §1.114 is also being filed concurrently herewith, along with the requisite filing fee of \$790.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(e). Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.



INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 28 and 29 were allowed in a Notice of Allowance mailed on October 26, 2005. Upon reviewing the allowed claims, the Applicant has discovered informalities associated with independent claim 28 and requests entry of the subject amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 to address these informalities.